

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 25, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.,

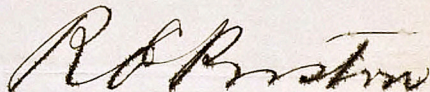
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Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. B. Preston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Director of the Mint.

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